

# **JUDICIAL BRANCH COMMITTEE ON MEDIA AND THE COURTS**

**Type:** Standing Committee  
**Established:** February 26, 2007  
**Revised:** July 25, 2014  
**Chair:** Associate Justice Joseph M. Jabar  
**Reports To:** Supreme Judicial Court

## **I. Establishment of the Committee on Media and Courts:**

A committee designated by the Supreme Judicial Court shall act as the Committee on Media and the Courts. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be appointed by members of the Supreme Judicial Court. The regular terms of membership on the Committee shall be three years, and no member shall serve more than three successive terms or until the appointment of their successor.

Five members of the Committee shall be representatives of the media, four shall be members of the judiciary, three shall be attorneys licensed to practice in Maine, one shall be a District or Superior Court clerk, and serving in an *ex officio* capacity, the Attorney General, or his designee, and the Judicial Branch Government and Media Counsel.

## **II. Committee Purpose:**

The purpose of the Committee shall be to facilitate and improve communication between the judiciary and the media and to enhance the accuracy and flow of information made available to the public concerning the courts of Maine. The Committee shall from time to time make recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court on matters pertaining to media coverage of court proceedings.

## **III. Coordination and Cooperation with the United States District Court:**

The Committee shall invite the participation of the United States District Court in its efforts to enhance the accuracy and flow of information made available to the public concerning the courts of Maine.

## **IV. Frequency of meetings:**

One meeting shall be held per year, unless the Committee decides by majority vote to hold additional meetings.

**V. Quorum and action:**

A quorum shall exist for the purpose of the Committee's exercise of its powers and duties when a majority of the members is present. The concurrence of a majority of such members present shall be sufficient for any action taken.

Dated: July 25, 2014

Approved by:

/s/

Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley  
Maine Supreme Judicial Court

**JUDICIAL BRANCH  
COMMITTEE ON MEDIA AND THE COURTS  
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

**Judiciary (4):**

Hon. Joseph M. Jabar, Justice, <b>Chair</b> Supreme Judicial Court	Until December 31, 2015
Hon. Patricia Worth, Judge Maine District Court	Until December 31, 2014
Hon. Michaela Murphy, Justice Maine Superior Court	Until December 31, 2015
Hon. William R. Anderson, Justice Maine Superior Court	Until March 26, 2015

**Media (5):**

Donald C. Carrigan Gannett TV Stations	Until December 31, 2014
Michael J. Dowd Bangor Daily News	Until December 31, 2015
Jennifer Rooks Maine Public Broadcasting Network	Until November 20, 2016
Christopher Williams Lewiston Sun Journal	Until December 31, 2015
<i>Vacancy</i>	

**Licensed Attorney (3):**

Robert J. Stolt, Attorney at Law, Augusta	Until December 31, 2014
Professor Chris Northrop, U Me Law School	Until July 24, 2017
Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney	Until July 24, 2017

**District/Superior Court Clerk (1):**

Anita Alexander, Clerk of Courts West Bath District Court	Until December 31, 2015
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**Members *ex officio*:**

Attorney General (or designee)  
Judicial Branch Government and Media Counsel, Mary Ann Lynch